Talk about the fall of the eastern Roman Empire to the Ottomans to understand that you first need to understand the 4th crusade to understand that you first need to understand Byzantine-Norman wars to understand that… to understand that you first need to understand Romulus and Remus. So Romulus built the city of Rome and Remus built the city of… reme on a different hill. Then Romulus killed Remus (there can only be one!) and divided the people into 3 tribes:Ramnes, Titienses, and Luceres each divided into 10 curiae the curiae participated in voting (yes the senate existed in the kingdom 100 people currently). These original tribes would die out sometime during the early republic. Anyway the men vastly outnumbered the women so they tried to marry women from elsewhere. The women of elsewhere hated the Romans and rejected them. They then invited the people of elsewhere to a festival and the Sabinites (apparently festival starved came) and the Roman made sure the women could never leave. Many Sabinite towns came to defeat the Romans and get their women back but they came one at a time so the Romans picked them off in succession. Now Titus Tatius had multiple cities under his command and put them to use against the Romans he bribed their general so he could get to Rome unimpeded Rome wins the 1st battle then all the women that they captured said to stop fighting over them so Romulus and Titus Tatius came together to form one big nation. A riot was happening in Lavinium “What” -Titus Tatius A riot is happening in Lavinium Titus Tatius goes and dies. Romulus made a deal with Lavinium to prevent any further bloodshed. Romulus also took over Fidenae. Then is killed in a tornado (didn’t know they had those in Italy but they do). It took them a full year to crown the next king (a senator ruled for 5 days each in that time): Numa Pompilius a sabinite. He started the Roman Calendar. He also didn’t know how to run an army so was hesitant to take up the position but he had had 0 body guards during his time. He made many religious cults. Next is Tullus Hostilius who believed that war is the key to strength and put Alba Longa under Roman control; not by war; by "which city has a better set of triplets for fighting?” In the Roman corner we have Horatii siblings and for Alba Longa the Curiatii siblings. They feared that a war would destroy both cities and leave the door open to an Estucian invasion. (Why have we stopped doing this?). The three Curiatii siblings were wounded with the Horatii sibling Publius unharmed. His 2 brothers were dead though so he ran. The injured Curiatii couldn’t keep up with him and more importantly with each other. Their different speeds led them to separate and Publius picked them off one-by-one. He also made the senate house. The next was elected by the people. His name was Ancus Marcius. The Latins attacked Rome and he went to war against them. He took much of the Latins, destroyed many of their towns and made the Latins themselves his citizens. If anything about Rome you know how influential this would be. He also created Rome’s 1st prison. Lucius Tarquinius Priscus drove out Ancus’s two sons (who Ancus told to be the guardian of) and had the people elect their next king. Lucius Tarquinius Priscus was elected. He was an Etrustcan who went to Rome due to him being able to hold office there unlike in Etrustcan territory. He doubled the number of senators to 200. He invaded the Latins and the Latins called on the Etruscans and Sabins for help. They were conquered. The Sabins now arrived and Lucius set their camp on fire while they were sleeping and attacked them while they were putting out the fire. Now the Eutruscans he won of course. The Circus Maximus was built during his reign. Taquin also made a sewer to prevent flooding. After his death Lucius’s wife put Servius on the throne

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